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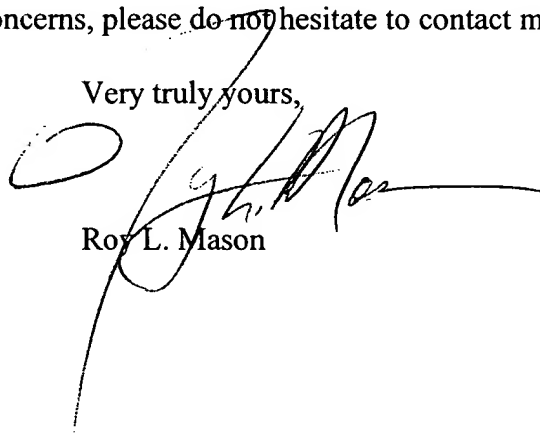
Dear Mr. Bear:

I called your office to let you know that I represent Maryann Bastnagel. This letter is to follow up with that phone call.

I am presently having the Declaration and Assignment reviewed by patent law counsel. Once that review is accomplished, I will contact you concerning Maryann's signature on the Declarations and Assignments.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Roy L. Mason

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cc: Ms. Maryann Bastnagel